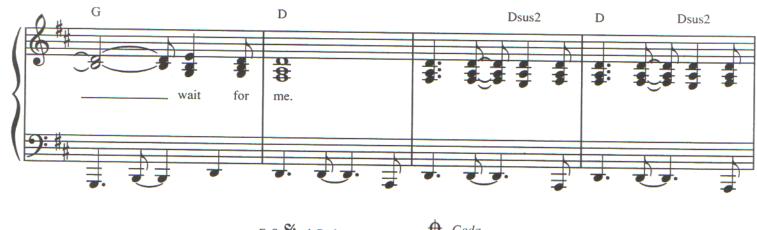


IF I SHOULD FALL BEHIND



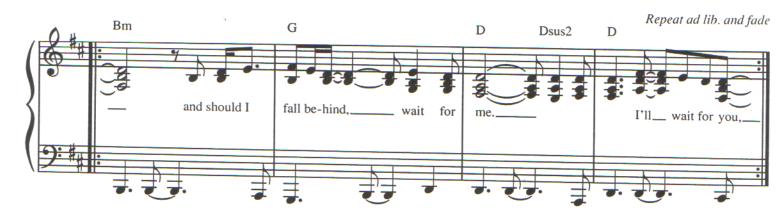










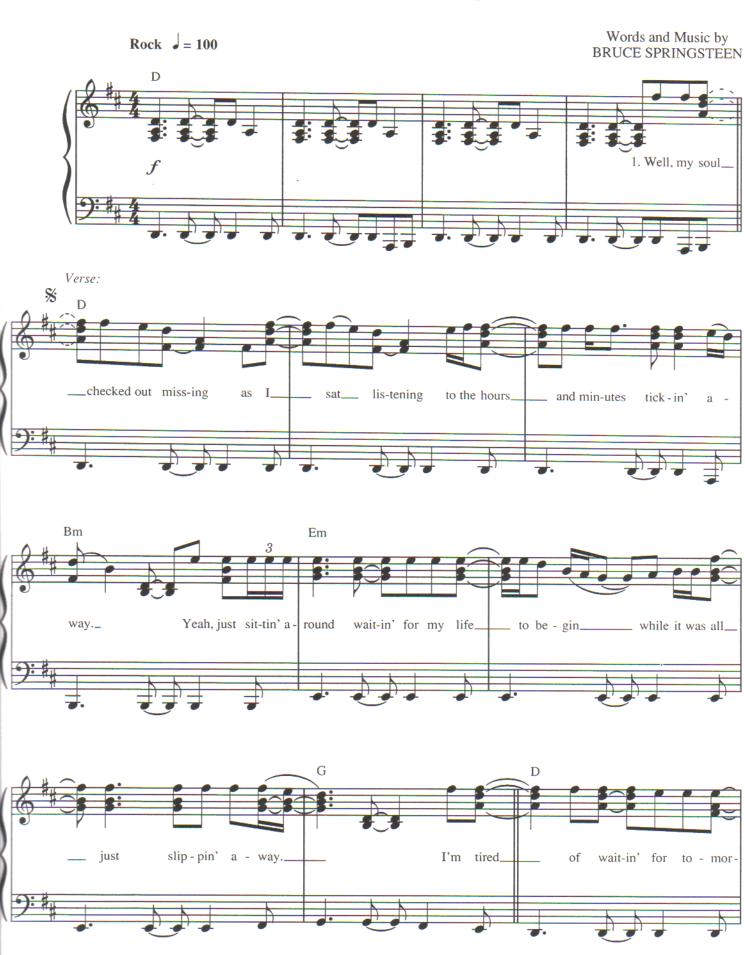


We swore we'd travel, darlin', side by side; We'd help each other stay in stride. But each lover's steps fall so differently. But I'll wait for you, and if I should fall behind, wait for me. (To Bridge:)

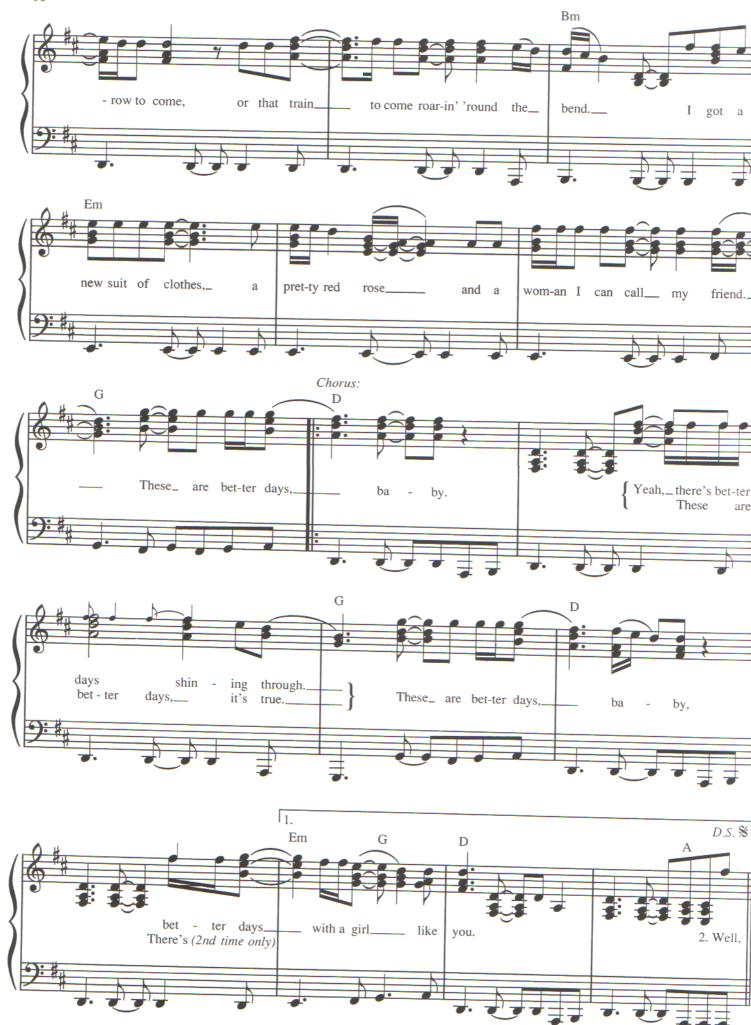
Verse 3:

Now, there's a beautiful river in the valley ahead. There 'neath the oak's bough, soon we will be wed. Should we lose each other in the shadow of the evening trees, I'll wait for you, and should I fall behind, wait for me. (*To Coda*)

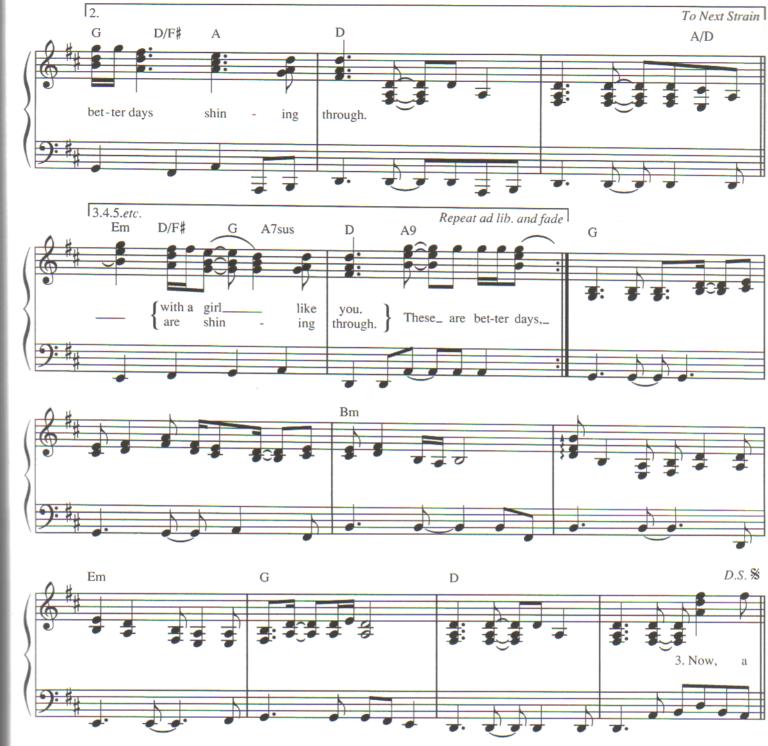
BETTER DAYS







Better Days - 3 - 2 P0953SMX



Well, I took a piss at fortune's sweet kiss,

It's like eating caviar and dirt.

It's a sad, funny ending to find yourself pretending

A rich man in a poor man's shirt.

Now, my ass was draggin' when from a passin' gypsy wagon,

Your heart, like a diamond shone.

Tonight I'm layin' in your arms, carvin' lucky charms

Out of these hard luck bones.

Chorus 2:

These are better days, baby.

These are better days, it's true.

These are better days.

There's better days shining through.

Verse 3:

Now, a life of leisure and a pirate's treasure

Don't make much for tragedy.

But it's a sad man, my friend, who's livin' in his own skin And can't stand the company.

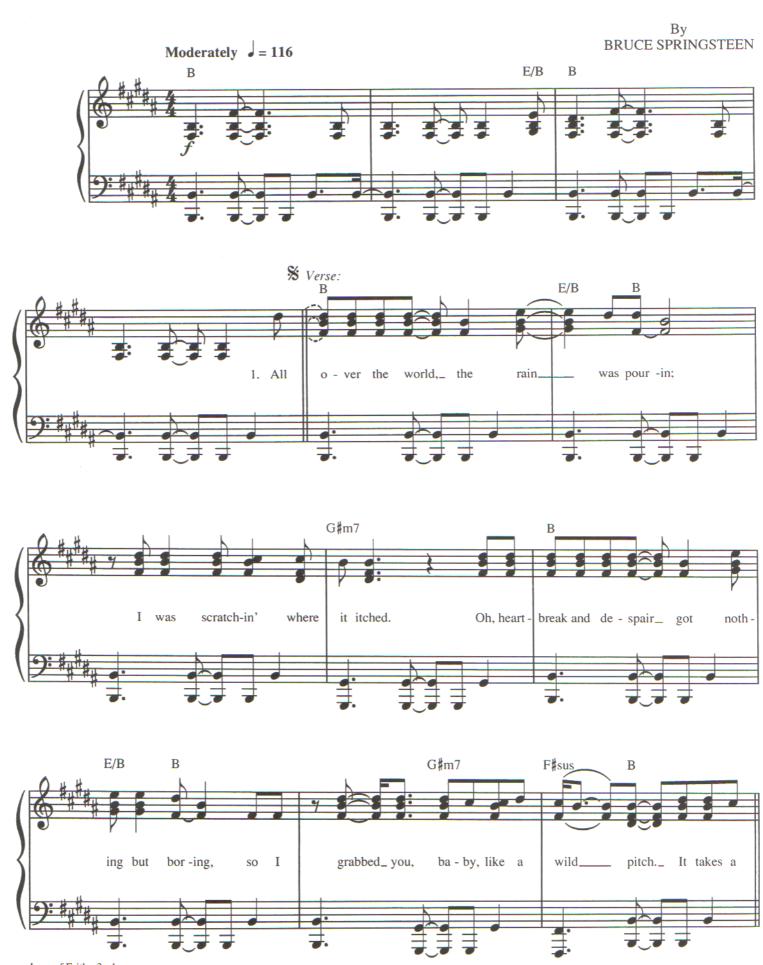
Every fool's got a reason for feelin' sorry for himself

And turning his heart to stone.

Tonight, this fool's halfway to heaven and just a mile outta hell, And I feel like I'm comin' home.

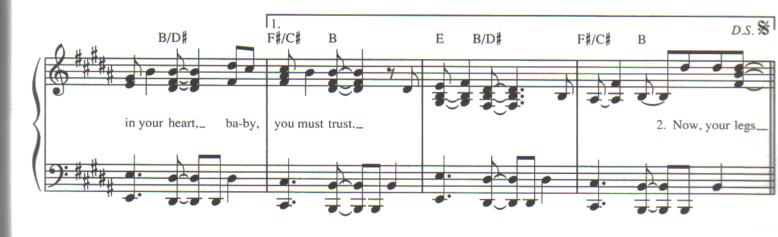
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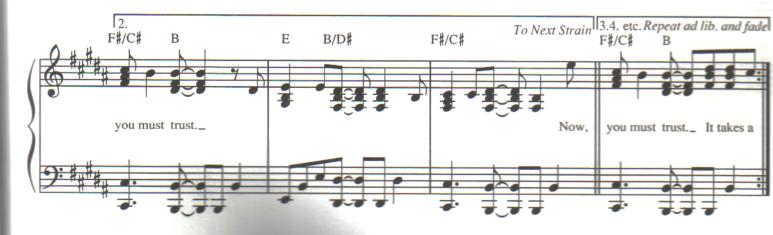
LEAP OF FAITH





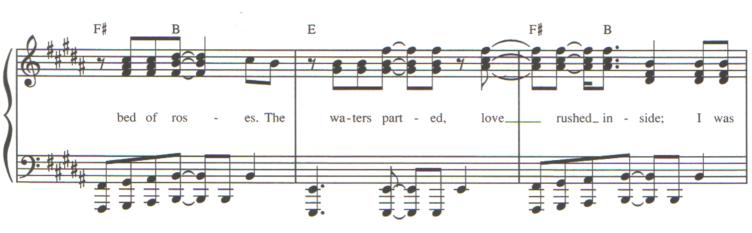


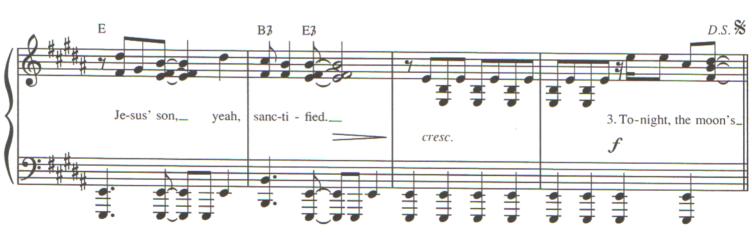




Leap of Faith - 3 - 2 P0953SMX







Now, your legs were heaven, your breasts were the altar,

Your body was the holy land.

You shouted "jump", but my heart faltered.

You laughed and said, "Baby, don't you understand? . . .

Verse 3:

Tonight, the moon's looking young, but I'm feelin' younger.

'Neath a veil of dreams, sweet blessings rain.

Honey, I can feel the first breeze of summer,

And in your love I'm born again.

(To Chorus:)

LOCAL HERO







I met a stranger dressed in black at the train station. He said, "Son, your soul can be saved. There's beautiful women, nights of low livin', And some dangerous money to be made. There's a big town 'cross the whiskey line, And if we turn the right cards up, They make us boss, the devil pays off,

Chorus 2:

They get their local hero, Somebody with the right style. They get their local hero, Somebody with just the right smile." (To Bridge:)

And them folks that are real hard up:

Verse 3:

I woke to a Gypsy girl sayin', "Drink this."
Well, my hands had lost all sensation.
These days, I'm feeling all right,
'Cept I can't tell my courage from my desperation.
From the tainted chalice,
Well, I drunk some heady wine.
Tonight I'm layin' here, but there's something in my ear
Sayin' there's a little town just beneath the floodline . . .

Chorus 3 & 4:

Needs a local hero,
Someone with the right style.
Lookin' for a local hero,
Someone with the right smile.

MY BEAUTIFUL REWARD

By







Verse 2:

From a house on a hill, a sacred light shines. I walk through these rooms, but none of them are mine. Down empty hallways, I went from door to door, Searching for my beautiful reward, Searching for my beautiful reward. (*To Bridge:*)

Verse 3:

Tonight I can feel the cold wind at my back; I'm flyin' high over gray fields, my feathers long and black. Down along the river's silent edge I soar, Searching for my beautiful reward, Searching for my beautiful reward. Searching for my beautiful reward, Searching for my beautiful reward.

Verse 4: Instrumental ad lib. and fade

BOOK OF DREAMS







I'm watchin' you through the window

With your girlfriends from back home.

You're showin' off your dress;

There's laughter, and a toast

From your daddy, to the prettiest bride he's ever seen.

Oh, won't you, baby, be in my book of dreams?

Verse 4:

Now, the ritual begins;

'Neath the wedding garland, we meet as strangers.

Verse 3:

I feel your sweet reply.

Just holdin' you to me,

In the darkness, my fingers slip across your skin;

As, through the window, the moonlight streams.

Oh, won't you, baby, be in my book of dreams?

The room fades away, and suddenly, I'm way up high,

The dance floor is alive with beauty,

Mystery, and danger.

We dance out 'neath the stars' ancient light,

Into the darkening trees.

Oh, won't you, baby, be in my book of dreams?

THE BIG MUDDY





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The Big Muddy - 4 - 3 P0953SMX



Got in some trouble and needed a hand from a friend of mine. This old friend, he had a figure in mind. It was nothing illegal, just a little bit funny. He said, "C'mon, don't tell me that the rich don't know: Sooner or later, it all comes down to money."

Chorus 2:

And you're waist deep in the big muddy, Waist deep in the big muddy. You start on higher ground but end up crawlin', sonny. (To Bridge:)

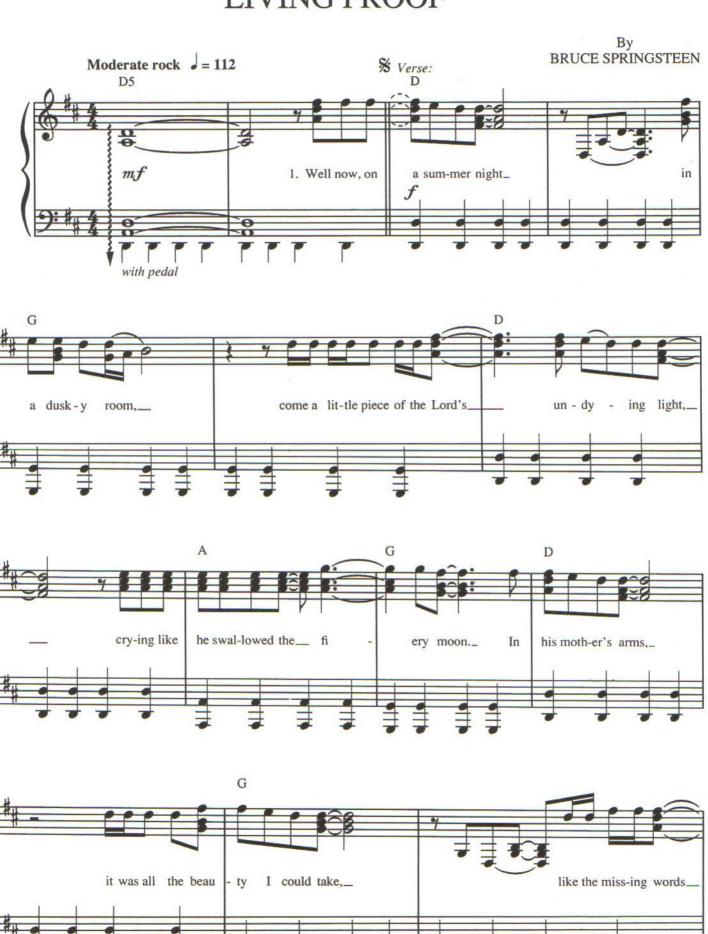
Verse 3:

How beautiful the river flows, and the birds they sing. But you and I, we're messier things. There ain't no one leavin' this world, buddy, Without their shirttail dirty or their hands bloody.

Chorus 3:

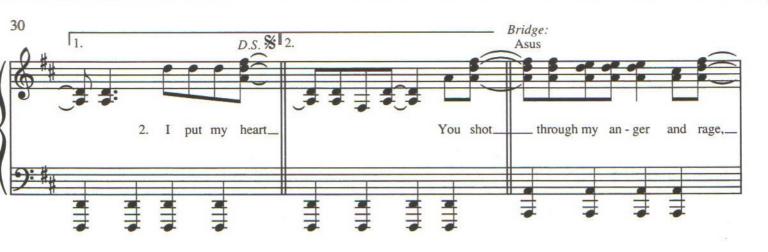
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You start on higher ground, but end up somehow crawlin'
Waist deep in the big muddy.

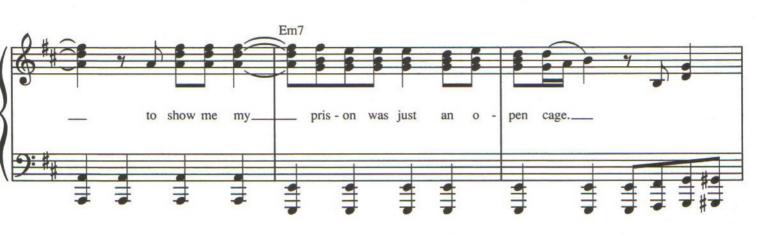
LIVING PROOF



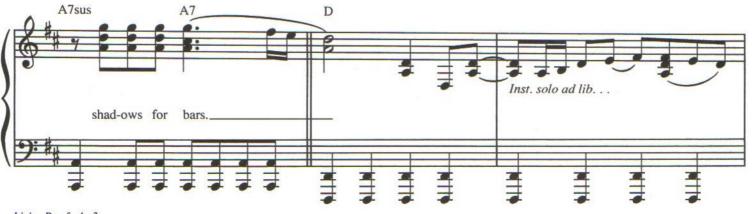






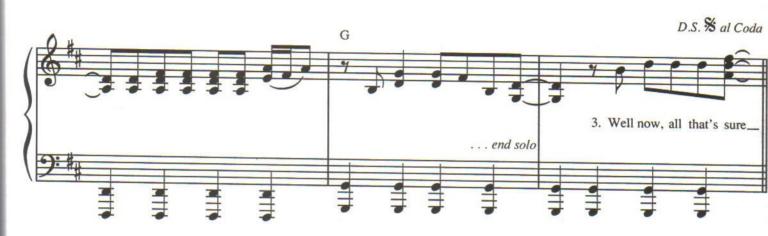


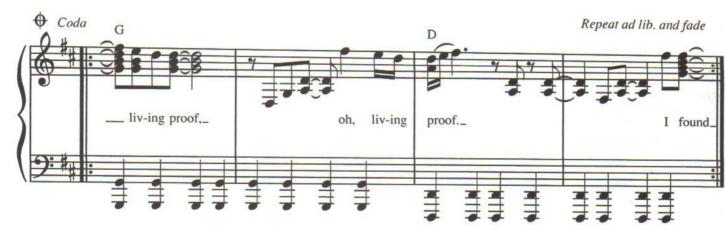




Living Proof - 4 - 3 P0953SMX







I put my heart and soul, I put 'em high upon a shelf, Right next to the faith, The faith that I'd lost in myself. I went down into the desert city, Just tryin' so hard to shed my skin. I crawled deep into some kind of darkness, Lookin' to burn out every trace of who I'd been.

You do some sad, sad things, baby, When it's you you're tryin' to lose. You do some sad and hurtful things;

I've seen living proof. (To Bridge:)

Verse 3:

Well now, all that's sure on the boulevard
Is that life is just a house of cards,
As fragile as each and every breath
Of this boy sleepin' in our bed.
Tonight, let's lie beneath the eaves,
Just a close band of happy thieves.
And when that train comes, we'll get on board,
And steal what we can from the treasures, treasures of the Lord.
It's been a long, long drought, baby;
Tonight, the rain's pourin' down on our roof.
Looking for a little bit of God's mercy,
I found living proof.

Verse 2:

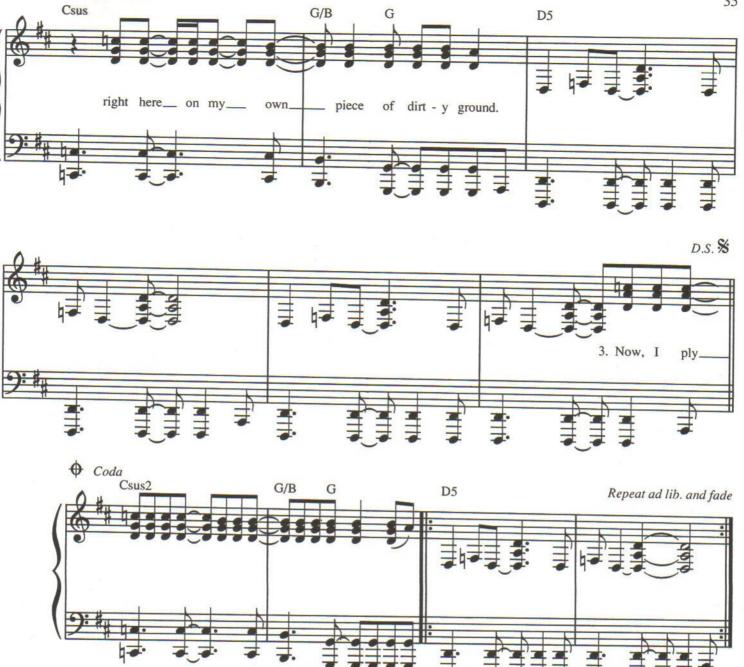
SOULS OF THE DEPARTED











Now, Raphael Rodriguez was just seven years old, Shot down in a schoolyard by some East Compton Cholos. His mama cried, "My beautiful boy is dead." In the hills, the self-made men just sighed and shook their heads.

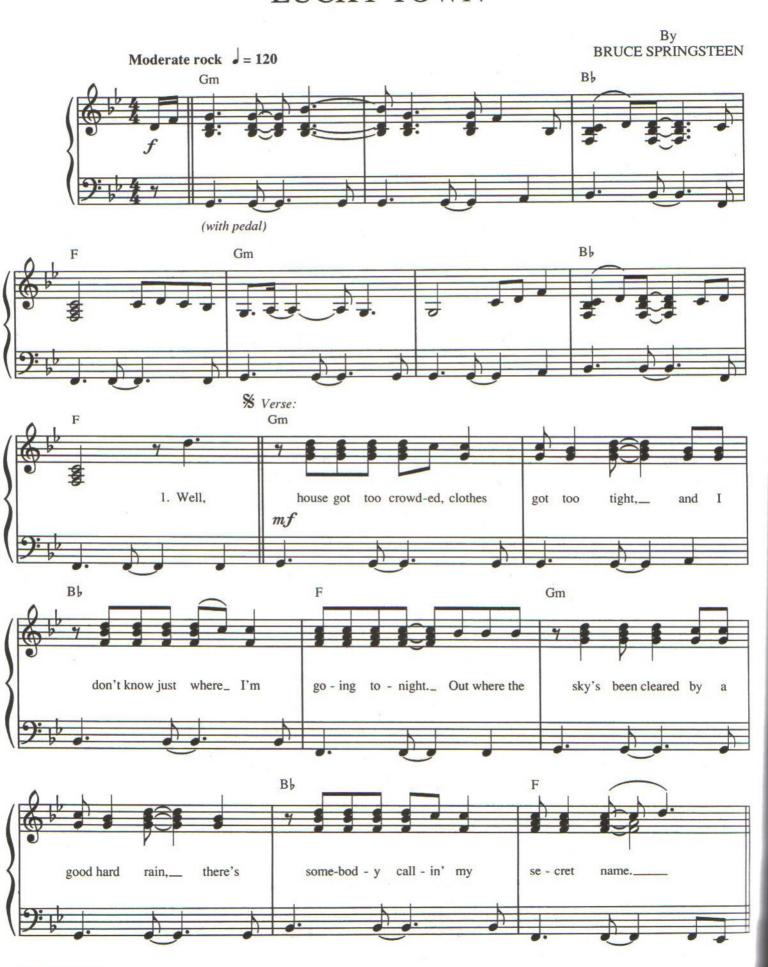
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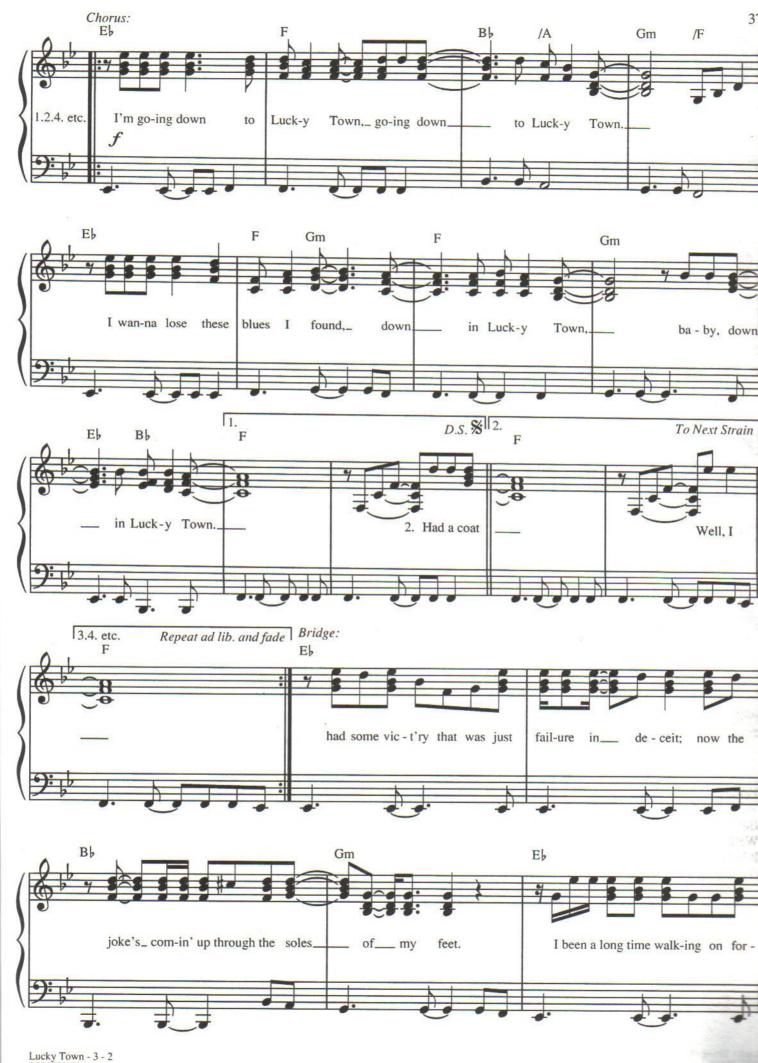
This is a prayer for the souls of the departed, Those who've gone and left their babies brokenhearted; Young lives over before they got started. This is a prayer for the souls of the departed. (To Bridge:)

Verse 3:

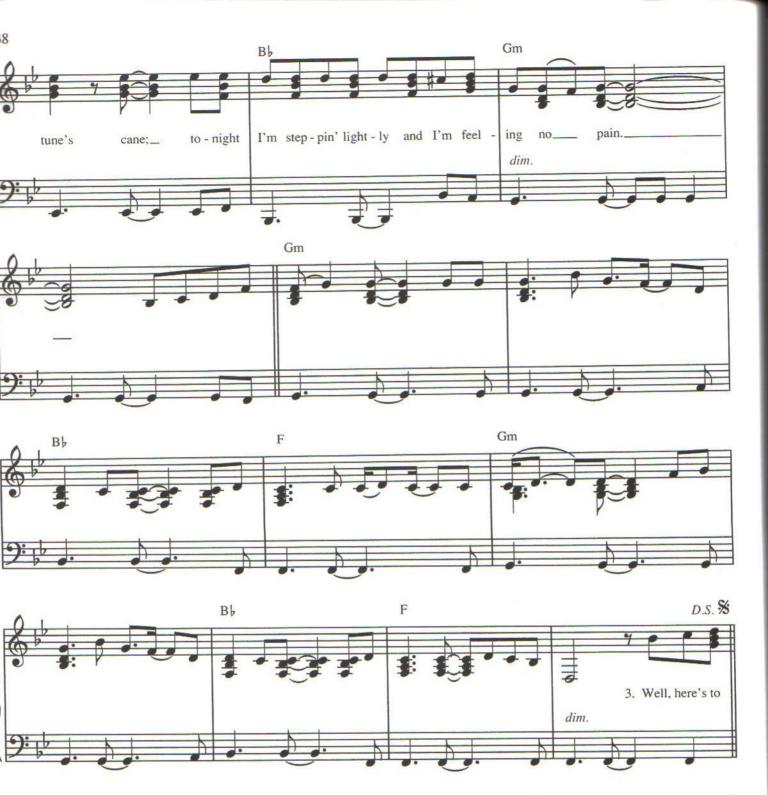
Now, I ply my trade in the land of king dollar, Where you get paid, and your silence passes as honor, And all the hatred and dirty little lies Been written off the books and onto decent men's eyes. (Chorus 3 & 4: Instrumental solo ad lib. / then To Coda)

LUCKY TOWN





Lucky Town - 3 - 2 P0953SMX



But that coat always had a thread hangin' loose. Well, I pulled it one night, and to my surprise It led me right past your house and on over the rise. (To Chorus:)

Verse 3:

Well, I had a coat of fine leather and snakeskin boots, Well, here's to your good looks, baby; now here's to my health. Here's to the loaded places that we've taken ourselves.

When it comes to luck, you make your own.

Tonight I got dirt on my hands, but I'm building me a new home . . .

Chorus 3:

Down in Lucky Town, Down in Lucky Town. I'm gonna lose these blues I've found Down in Lucky Town, Baby, down in Lucky Town.

